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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Oran D. Tarlton

Serial No.: 09/369,134

Filed: August 5, 1999

For: COMPOSITE METAL-TO-METAL SEAL  
HAVING A RELATIVELY SOFT METAL  
OVERLAY AND A RELATIVELY HARD  
METAL CORE

Group Art Unit: 3626

Examiner: V. Patel

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOV. 9, 2000**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated Nov. 9, 2000, please find enclosed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 citing an International Search Report for a corresponding PCT application and references cited in the International Search Report. A copy of the International Search Report and a copy of each reference cited in the International Search Report is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

✓ Please cancel the two paragraphs from page 5 line 19 to page 6 line 13.